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ABSTRACT

Project Oz is a not-for-profit special services agency providing drug education and crisis intervention services. Project Oz curricula provide compact and well-researched information for teachers, supplemented by student learning activities that reinforce the lecture portions of the topic. These activities are grade-appropriate and incorporate visual, tactile, kinesthetic, and auditory learning styles. This curriculum is the violence prevention component for grades 6 and 7. It addresses both physical and verbal violence through seven areas: (1) "Coping with Anger" and anger management; (2) "Path to the Future--Goal Establishment," a discussion of goals and goal setting; (3) "Weapons Are Not the Answer," an examination of the negative effectiveness of weapon use; (4) "Self-Protection," a discussion of alternatives in dangerous situations and techniques for avoiding danger; (5) "Gangs," a discussion of the negative consequences of gang behavior; (6) "Appreciating Our Differences," activities and information to increase students' awareness of the negative effects of stereotypes, prejudice, and "isms"; and (7) "Boundaries," a discussion of gender-role misconceptions, sexual harassment, and boundaries of conduct with regard to sexual violence. Suggestions are given for implementing violence prevention throughout the school and in several specific curriculum areas. An appendix discusses assessing the school, home, or work environments for safety and violence prevention. (SLD)

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